MR. A. THANU PILLAI (*Trivandrum*) : In view of the fact that more than half a crore of rupees is to be spent on this scheme, may I know whether Government considered the desirability of appointing one with experience in water works, when Mr. Balakrishna Rao was appointed as the Executive Engineer in charge of the water works?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Ag. Chief Secretary to Government*) : The Government thought that the present arrangement was sufficient.

MR. A. THANU PILLAI (*Trivandrum*) : May I take it that the Government considered that Engineer who went to study pipe laying and jointing operations would be enough for this purpose?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBA AIYAR (*Ag. Chief Secretary to Government*) : The Officer is a B. A. and B. E., with several years' experience in the Department. He just went to see the works on the spot before he entered upon his work.

MR. A. THANU PILLAI (*Trivandrum*) : May I know whether Government have considered the desirability of appointing an Engineer who has already had experience of the work and who had not the necessity to go and study the operations particularly for this purpose?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Ag. Chief Secretary to Government*) : Such men may be available and could have been appointed.

MR. A. THANU PILLAI (*Trivandrum*) : And Government never considered the desirablility of appointing such persons?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Ag. Chief Secretary to Government*) : I have already answered that question.

MR. A. THANU PILLAI (*Trivandrum*) : Sir, I put this question merely in view of the fact that more than half a crore of rupees is going to be spent on the scheme.

PRESIDENT : Government also knew of it when they made the present arrangement.

Ayurveda Department.

208. **MR. N. K. KRISHNA PILLAI** (*Neyyattinkara*) : With reference to the Ayurveda Department, will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) how long is it since the post of the Director of Ayurveda has fallen temporarily and permanently vacant;

(*b*) the cause of the delay in filling up the vacancy; and

(*c*) whether, with reference to the answer given to interpellation No. 482, asked at the meeting of the Council held on the 27th April 1929 (page 726, Vol. XIV of the Council Proceedings), the Government have done anything so far (2-12-'05) in pursuance thereof, and, if not, why not?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Ag. Chief Secretary to Government*) : (*a*) The post of the Director of Ayurveda was temporarily vacant for 1 year and 5 months and permanently vacant from the 30th Kumbham 1105.

(*b*) Temporary arrangements have been made. The question of making permanent arrangements was under consideration.

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Mr. T. P. Ramasubba Aiyar.]

(*c*) Yes. The member is referred to paragraph 18 of the speech of the Financial Secretary to Government in presenting the Budget Estimate for 1106 and also to page 133 of the Budget Estimate. The scales of pay of the Inspector of Vaidyasalas and the Principal, Ayurveda College, are now proposed to be revised and the necessary provision has been made in the Budget for 1106 for the purpose. The other matters referred to in the earlier answer are engaging attention.

MR. N. K. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Neyyattinkara*): Part (*b*) of the question is about the cause of the delay in filling up the vacancy and the answer is "temporary arrangements have been made". The question of making permanent arrangements was under consideration." That is begging the question. I want to know the cause of the delay in filling up the vacancy?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Ag. Chief Secretary to Government*): The permanent officer first went on leave and temporary arrangements were made in the vacancy. Subsequently he retired. The Government wanted to utilise that opportunity for considering the general question as regards the fixation of the agency for the efficient management of that department. That question was under consideration. That was the cause of the delay.

MR. N. K. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Neyyattinkara*): May I know whether the Government contemplate making permanent arrangements by the appointment of a Director?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Ag. Chief Secretary to Government*): The member would have seen from the Financial Secretary's speech and the preliminary Budget what is under contemplation.

MR. N. K. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Neyyattinkara*): Am I to understand that the appointment of a Director is not in contemplation?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Ag. Chief Secretary to Government*): What is under contemplation could be seen from the speech of the Financial Secreatry and the details given in the Budget.

MR. N. K. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Neyyattinkara*): Am I to understand that the post of Director is to be abolished?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Ag. Chief Secretary to Government*) I have to repeat my answer. It could be seen from the Budget and the speech of the Financial Secretary what exactly is the agency that the Government propose to create, to be in charge of that department.

Transfer of Assistant Inspectresses of Vernacular Schools.

209. **MR. N. K. KRISHNA PILLAI** (*Neyyattinkara*): With reference to the Assistant Inspectresses of Vernacular Schools, will the Government be pleased to state whether there is a proposal to remove some of the persons holding the offices of Assistant Inspectresses from their present (2-12-1105) posts, and, if so, the grounds for taking such a step

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